Peninsular rivers and the Himalayan rivers for Transfer of water from presently assessed surplus basins to water deficit basins for the optimum utilization of water resources. The Government of India has estabilished the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) as an Autonomous Society in July 1982 to carry out the water balance and other studies of the National Perspective Plan. Under the Peninsular Component of the National Perspective Plan, NWDA has a proposal of diversion of west flowing rivers to benefit the deficit/drought prone areas of Karnakata through the Bedti-Varda and Netravati-Hemavati Links. The prefeasibility reports of the above links have already been completed by NWDA. As per the prefeasibility reports, the irrigatation benefits to Karnataka State from Bedti-Varda and Netravati-Hemavati links are 60,000 hectare and 34,000 hectare respectively.

Inter-State water disputes

†1055. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of projects are hanging fire due to water distribution dispute among various States of the country;

(b) if so, the names of these projects togetherwith the name of the States to which these projects belong to;

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(c) whether Government have made efforts during the last three years to solve these disputes; and

(d) if so, by when togetherwith the efforts made and the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d) The information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Formation of Ganga Board

†1056. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 410 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st August, 2001 be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Uttaranchal had send a draft of the notification incorporating its point of view to form a Ganga Board to utilize hydro power to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, as per the decision taken in the meeting held on the initiative taken by the Water Commission;

(b) whether this draft has since been set by the State Government of Uttaranchal to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the salient features thereof togetherwith the reaction of the State Government of Uttar Pradesh thereto?

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